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News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

E. L. Bates has returned from a few days stay in New York.

Mrs. William Andrews went to Troy this morning for a few weeks

Repairs and Improvements are being made in the interior of the Elks

Mrs. L. B. Parker of North Adams is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L.

Mrs. M. C. Klock has returned from Little Falls where she was called by the illness of relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Booth entertained a few friends at cards at her home Priday evening, Refreshments were served. A class of childrens received their first holy communion at St. Francis de Sales church this morning at 7 o'-

Myron Barton has finished work at LaFortune's restaurant and also Mrs. Barton, who has been working

Repairs and improvements have been made on the tenement house of the Holden Realty company near the

Saturday 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. scale works. There will be a meeting of the Father Mathew, T. A. B., society in

the Knights of Columbus rooms following late mass Sunday. Mrs. Helen Jones, who has been visiting at her former home here for several weeks, will go today to her

ome in Oneonta for a few days stay. The local high school base-ball team left this noon for Waterford Bennington | where they will play this afternoon with the high school team of that

Mrs. Robert H. Merrill of Old Benfington and her guest Mrs. E. R. Wilmarth of Attleboro Falls, Mass., On All Electrical Work are passing the day in Troy.

> Assistant Postmaster H. F. Robin on, Mrs. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs G. W. Keeseman returned Friday from a visit in New York and New

Mrs. William F. Ashton, who was called here by the illness of her sister, Mrs. B. D. Elliott of the Bennington Flats, returned this morning

The rooms of the Y. M. C. A. are open to all men and older boys on Sundays from 3.30 to 6 p. m. The social room is equipped with 25 or more periodicals for reading.

District Attorney Clarence Niles and Mrs. Niles were given wooden shower at their home It Phisfield Thursday evening in hono of their 5th wedding anniversary Mrs. Niles was formerly Miss Jennie Hatch of Bennington.

There will be an hour of story tell ng by "Doc" Miller at the Y. M. C A, tenight beginning at 8 o'clock. All boys and young men whether members of the Association or not evening at the building. There will be stories of war, adventure, hunting and slavery and an interesting hour is assured all who can plan to be

POWNAL CENTER

Miss Pauline Hicks of Rowe Mass., ad Miss Florence McGurk of North Adams were recent guests of Miss Frances Campbell.

NEW COURT EXPENSIVE

Judge Donoway Criticises Sending Courts Around County.

Rutland, May 21.-Urging the mem bers of the Rutland county bar to do their utmost to save the best of the new legislation for municipal courts and reformed judicial procedure. Judge Eleazer L. Waterman last night counselled co-operation with 71: 15 the courts and an optimistic view of the recently enacted laws.

This was notwithstanding the frank statement of James B. Donoway of the Middlebury Municipal court and State's Attorney C. V. Poulin of this county that the new Municipal court bill, at least, was a mistake and would cost the state

noney. "The law makes the court a piece of traveling machinery," said Judge Donoway. "It must go into whatever town an offense is committed and give the respondent a common-law jury trial of 12 men. It will cost \$35 for fees and fine to convict a common drunk. It will be necessary to keep a roster of 50 jurymen in every town on file, which would mean 1400

in this county. "The state made a serious error in providing for a 12-man jury, a stenographer and all the parapher nalia of a court of record. The new courts, also, will overlap the counts courts in many respects. One thing we all agreed upon, however, and that is that the archale, common-law system of trials by justice of the peace should be done away with."

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There has been no school in Miss Brimmer's room for the past two lays as Supt. of Schools D. T. Bates has been giving the state examinations to the pupils of the 8th and 9th grades. If they pass this examination the town is obliged to pay their tuition in High school.

COL. WM. P. HENRY DIES

Brookline, Mass., Man Was Native

of Barnard, Vt. Boston, May 20 .- Col. William P. Henry, president of the Vermont Veterans' Association of Boston, died this morning at his home, 16 Winslow read, Brookline, His title was obtained by his appointment to the staff of Gen. Wheeler G. Veasey, dur ing the latter's term of office as commander in chief of the G. A. R.

Col. Henry was born 69 years ago in Barnard, Vt. He enlisted at the age of 16 in the 16th Vermont regiment, serving for one year. He reenlisted with the 1st Vermont cavalry and served under Gen. Butler till the end of the war.

He came to Boston in 1869 and in 1873 became junior partner in the firm of Bacon & Henry, provision dealers, in Charlestown, Three years later he bought the store at 127 Main street, where he was located for many years.

Col. Henry leaves a wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Riley of Charlestown, three sisters and a brother, all of Claremont, N. H.

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Italy's Army and Navy

The Italian army if called to face the Teutonic allies, would be an uncertain quantity. Of the efficiency of the Italian navy, which has scores to settle with Austria, there can be no doubt. The army on a war footing has on paper a complement of more than a million men. Recruited to full strength the regular force consists of 515,000 men, and it would be used in the early operations. Of reenforce ments the mobile militin should be able to contribute 245,000 men and the territorial militia 340,000 men. An excellent agm is the 6.5 mm. Man licher-Caranco magazine riffle, but some of the regiments of the territorial militia still use an inferior rifle the Vetterli-Vitali. At the outbreak of the war last August the artillery was receiving new guns. One hundred of the field batteries were using the 75 mm. Krupp, and other batteries an older gun. What is called the deport gun, 75 mm., pattern 1911, had been adopted, and contracts were made to equipp 100 batteries with it by the new year. Of howitzers the Italians have a good many 6 m. Krupps, and they are said to be well supplied with

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The army, on a war footing con-

mountain and heavy artilleries, and fare is severe. 475 fortress artillery and technical all that could be desired when the excellent showing .- New York Sun. war cloud broke in the first days of August, and the Italian government I have just received a new line of has since been trying to supply the deficiencies by making purchases Its History Told by the Pictures on abroad. The term of service in the permanent army is two years. The soldier then passes into the reserve on "unlimited leave" for eight years

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mobile militia for four years, and ends his service with a term of years dists of 85% infantry battations, of in the territorial militia. The per-Alpini, Grenadiers. Bersaglieri and manent army is well drilled and its

Italy has a fine navy and the spirit is a fact that nothing has been too tleships Italy has fifteen, ten of them good for the navy. Italy is a poor equipped with 10 inch and five with country and the money spent for mil- 12 inch guns. The cruiser division itary purposes must be doled out, is light, but in destroyers and tor-The equipment of the army was not pedo boats the Italian navy makes an

not necessary to join an art study service, receiving from two to six class to learn the history of art. It months training during that period; is written on the walls of the houses in the town. When an engraving of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" hangs on the walls and a chromo of a woman with a shawl over her head stares over her left shoulder as though she were making a wish on the new moon, the house is ruled from kitchen to parlor by "mother", and she is between 60 and 70 years of age and believes in the "old masters.

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ART IN ATCHISON, KAN.

the Walls. In a town the size of Atchison it is

When madonnas holding fat babies are on the parlor walls and highly thin women in red robes tooting bright yellow horns, which they hold to their mouths with wooden fingers, the lady of the house adores sacred ! art and knows how to pronounce Fra Angelica Bondenhousen, Raphael and the rest. When there is a picture is represented. on the wall of a motherly looking woman, while father and the child nize the art that was born during the kissed, and colored pictures of a rage. A little later period in the art ling of funny pictures of gayly colorhistory of the town is represented by ed English ladies and gentlemen posted on "art" know that is a pic-

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ture of Hosea. When there are penand-ink sketches of squarejawed men and tall, bony young women in very low-neck evening dresses the rage of Gibson pictures (now about extinct)

When there are water-color pic tures of girl with pink cheeks. Hps look on, visitors at the house recog- puckered up as though ready to be Chicago world's fair, and when chubby little girl under which is "Breaking Home Tles" became the written "Innocence," with a scatterpictures on the parlor walls of a fine, climbing in and out of busses, "modhealthy looking young man wearing ern art" is displayed, and the presida monk's habit, with the cowl slip-ing genius of the house is a bride, ping off from his thick hair. People and those pictures are wedding gifts. -Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

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